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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2437

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, IT

SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK AT ROME AIRPORT

FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS REPORTED DECEMBER 20 THAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE ZAGARI HAS INFORMED COUNCIL OF MINISTERS THAT REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF FIUMICINO TERRORISTS FROM KUWAIT IS IN PREPARATION AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SHORTLY. ACCORDING TO PRESS, CHARGES WILL INCLUDE MASSACRE, MULTIPLE VOLUNTARY HOMICIDE, KIDNAPPING, VOLUNTARY INFLECTION OF SERIOUS INJURIES, AS WELL AS IMPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OF WAR. MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR ABOVE OFFENSES UNDER ITALIAN LAW IS LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

2. WELL PLACED JUSTICE MINISTRY CONTACT HAS CONFIRMED THAT EXTRADITION IS "UNDER STUDY", ADDING THAT PRESSURE OF PUBLIC OPINION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY FORCE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE FORMAL
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REQUEST SOON. HOWEVER, SOURCE EXPRESSED STRONG DOUBT THAT

KUWAIT WOULD AGREE TO RETURN CULPRITS. AT MOMENT, REQUEST IS HUNG UP BY ITALIAN LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT SUBJECTS BE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED BY NAME (AS YET NOT AVAILABLE HERE) AND BY DISCUSSION WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY UPON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN ABSENCE OF EXTRADITION TREATY WITH KUWAIT. SOURCE ASKED IF EMBASSY KNEW OF ANY BASIS FOR PRESS SPECULATION THAT US WOULD MAKE COMPETING EXTRADITION REQUEST, ADDIING THAT HE DOUBTED US LAW WOULD SUPPLY GROUNDS TO ASSERT JURISDICTION. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT EMBASSY HAD NO PRESENT KNOWLEDGE OF POSSIBLE US GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD. VOLPE

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